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## **SUMMER TALK SERIES CONCLUDES**

The Summer 2004 *History in the Park - Stories from the West* series wraps up with a presentation on 19<sup>th</sup> century cooking and the Donner Party on Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. on the lawn in the City Park immediately behind the Northeastern Nevada Museum in Elko.

The talk, entitled "Donner Party Cooking Strategies," will be given by noted Western American Historian Terry Del Bene.

Del Bene described his talk, "The presentation will give an entertaining and different way of looking at the ill-fated Donner Party emigrant train of 1846-1847. The program will include a discussion of a variety of recipes which members of a wagon train might have used before fate thrust other food choices upon them."

Terry Del Bene lives in Green River, Wyoming. He holds a doctorate degree from the University of Connecticut and a Master's Degree from Washington State University. He works for the Bureau of Land Management as an archaeologist. He has published numerous articles about the Civil War. He performs living history throughout the country and is an instructor for the Cultural and Living History section of the National Association for Interpretation. He is the author of *The Donner Party Cookbook* which was released by Horse Creek Publications of Norman, Oklahoma in October 2003. The book contains a brief history of the Donner Party as well as a variety of 19<sup>th</sup> Century recipes.

There will be a book signing in the Museum following Del Bene's presentation.

The Summer 2004 *History in the Park - Stories from the West* program is a free lecture series reflecting the wealth of history of Nevada and the American West. Several of the talks focus on stories of the California National Historic Trail.

Sponsored by the Northeastern Nevada Museum, Nevada Humanities Council, and the Bureau of Land Management Elko Field Office, the talk begins at 7:00 p.m. and will be held behind the Museum in the City Park. In the event of inclement weather, the talk will be moved indoors to the Museum Theater. The talk is free and the public is encouraged to attend. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for open seating on the grass.

For more information, contact the Northeastern Nevada Museum in Elko, (775) 738-3418.

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